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To: Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
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Washington, DC 20530

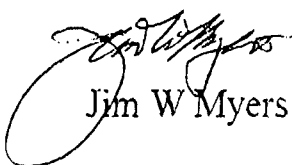
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I strongly recommend that the Court approve the Microsoft antitrust settlement agreement. The uncertainty of this situation continues to damage the economic condition of our country far more than any actions taken by Microsoft. As a business person, I am all too familiar with the dog eat dog climate in the business world. All Microsoft did was play the game too well and the other teams got mad and jealous.

The restrictions that will be placed on Microsoft pursuant to the settlement agreement will allow the competition an extra edge, but they will still have to learn to play the business game as well as Microsoft. Microsoft has agreed not to retaliate against computer makers who promote non-Windows software. They have also agreed to make it easier for consumers to replace features of Windows with non-Microsoft software. Additionally, a technical review committee will monitor Microsoft's business practices to ensure no further antitrust violations occur. No settlement can make Microsoft competitors stronger competition; they have to do it themselves. This settlement is good for the country but still unfair to Microsoft. Microsoft has approved it and so should the country! This case has dragged on for long enough. I am anxious to see the settlement agreement finalized and the case brought to an end.

Thank you,
Sincerely,



Jim W Myers